

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 608

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the J.R. Moon Pencil Company of Lewisburg upon the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary businesses and their remarkable employees who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable business is the J.R. Moon Pencil Company of Lewisburg, a business that since its founding, has been a market leader in producing high-quality pencil products; and

WHEREAS, the company, renamed Moon Products in 1999, was founded in 1961; and

WHEREAS, one of the business's founders, James R. Moon, who became the company's first president, was previously employed by the Linton Pencil Company and the American Pencil Company; and

WHEREAS, during the early years of the J.R. Moon Pencil Company, Mr. Moon would travel and sell pencils to local retailers; and

WHEREAS, the company grew and, by 1988, had more than 100 employees; and

WHEREAS, the company's product line includes writing and drawing pencils, colored pencils, erasers, ball point pens, and a line of blank pencils made specifically for pencil decorators; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the company began producing specialty pencils, and today, J.R. Moon is the world's largest producer of collectible pencils, such as holiday decorations, scented pencils, school themes, and many more, which now account for approximately fifty percent of the company's production and are found in stores across the United States; and

WHEREAS, as the J.R. Moon Pencil Company celebrates its rich history of fifty years in business, it is appropriate to honor the many employees, both past and present, who have used their time, talent, and resources to serve their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the J.R. Moon Pencil Company is most assuredly worthy of this General Assembly's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the management and employees, both past and present, of the J.R. Moon Pencil Company for their tireless dedication to making quality products, congratulate them on the celebration of the business's fiftieth anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.